

Fiscal Services Division
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HF 2755 - Manure Management Plans (LSB 6141 HZ)
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Description

House File 2755 changes the requirement for the submission of a manure management plan. Current law requires an annual submission plan and the proposed law requires submission of a plan every four years. The filing fee is changed from \$0.15 per animal unit to \$0.60 per animal unit as the fee is paid every four years rather than annually. The Bill also specifies a habitual violator is required to submit an annual plan and pay a \$0.15 per animal unit fee.

Assumptions

1. The revenue from the manure management plan filing fee remains neutral except the revenue will be collected every four years rather than annually.
2. Currently there are no habitual violators in Iowa and no additional revenue would be collected from them.
3. The Department's manure management plan database was developed by an outside contractor. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) estimates the cost to update the database would be approximately \$91,000 using the rate per hour published by the Iowa Technology Enterprise in the Department of Administrative Services. This rate of \$126.91 per hour is for a Technical Expert. The following table includes the cost to use a Specialized Staff employee or a Senior Staff employee.

Iowa Technology Enterprise Employee Costs Per Hour
Department of Administrative Services

Database Procedure	Hours	Technical Expert Cost Per Hour \$126.91	Specialized Staff Support Cost Per Hour \$98.67	Senior Staff Support Cost Per Hour \$84.59
Familiarize with system	240	\$ 30,458	\$ 23,681	\$ 20,302
Work with users and plan changes	160	20,306	15,787	13,534
Rewrite program, test and implement	320	40,611	31,574	27,069
Estimated Total Hours	720	\$ 91,375	\$ 71,042	\$ 60,905

4. The cost could be less if the DNR received bids for the contract.

Fiscal Impact

The estimated fiscal impact of House File 2755 is an increase in one-time expenditures between \$61,000 and \$91,000 for the upgrade of the DNR database.

Sources

Department of Administrative Services
Department of Natural Resources

/s/ Holly M. Lyons

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The fiscal note and correctional impact statement for this bill was prepared pursuant to Joint Rule 17 and pursuant to Section 2.56, Code of Iowa. Data used in developing this fiscal note and correctional impact statement are available from the Fiscal Services Division, Legislative Services Agency to members of the Legislature upon request.
